

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) An isolated antibody that selectively binds to a polypeptide of claim 2, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:2.

4-23. (canceled)

24. (new) An isolated antibody that selectively binds to a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

25. (new) The antibody of claim 3, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

26. (new) The antibody of claim 24, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

27. (new) The antibody of claim 3, wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable substance.

28. (new) The antibody of claim 24, wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable substance.

29. (new) The antibody of claim 25, wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable substance.

30. (new) The antibody of claim 26, wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable substance.

31. (new) A composition comprising the antibody of claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

32. (new) A composition comprising the antibody of claim 24 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

33. (new) A composition comprising the antibody of claim 25 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

34. (new) A composition comprising the antibody of claim 26 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

35. (new) An isolated antibody fragment that selectively binds to a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein the antibody fragment comprises a fragment selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an Fab fragment;
- b) an F(ab')₂ fragment; and
- c) an Fv fragment.

36. (new) An isolated antibody fragment that selectively binds to a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein the antibody fragment comprises a fragment selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an Fab fragment;
- b) an F(ab')₂ fragment; and
- c) an Fv fragment.